

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Means for permitting ~~orienting~~ a specifically-oriented receptacle for a shoe stud to be oriented in only one possible rotational position relative to and in a multi-layer shoe sole including an outer shoes sole and an inner shoe sole, wherein said means comprises co-operating orienting means on said receptacle and said outer shoe sole, said co-operating orienting means being operative to receive and physically retain said receptacle in ~~the correct orientation~~ said only one possible rotational position in said outer shoe sole while preventing rotation relative to said outer shoe sole at least until said inner shoe sole is secured to said outer shoe sole.

2. (original) Means according to claim 1, wherein said orienting means comprises an additional part secured to said receptacle, co-operating with a formation on said outer shoe sole.

3. (original) Means according to claim 2, wherein said additional part comprises a flange projecting from at least part of the periphery of said receptacle.

4. (currently amended) Means for orienting a specifically-oriented receptacle for a shoe stud in a multi-layer shoe sole including an outer shoes sole wherein said means comprises co-operating orienting means on said receptacle and said outer shoe sole, said co-operating orienting means being operative to physically retain said receptacle in the correct orientation relative to said outer shoe sole at least until an inner shoe sole is secured to said outer shoe sole;

wherein said orienting means comprises an additional part secured to said receptacle, co-operating with a formation on said outer shoe sole;

wherein said additional part comprises a flange projecting from at least part of the periphery of said receptacle; and

~~Means according to claim 3,~~ wherein said flange is of a non-rotationally symmetrical shape.

5. (original) Means according to any of claims 2 to 4, wherein said co-operating formation on said outer shoe sole comprises a recess corresponding to said additional part.

6. (original) Means according to claim 5, wherein said recess is defined by a continuous projecting wall.

7. (original) Means according to claim 5, wherein said recess is defined by spaced projections.

8. (original) Means according to claim 3, wherein said flange is of rotationally symmetrical shape, but has an aperture or apertures arranged to provide non-rotational symmetry.

9. (original) Means according to claim 8, wherein said outer shoe sole is provided with projections corresponding to and received by said apertures to provide the necessary orientation.

10. (original) Means according to claim 4, wherein said flange is provided with one or more apertures, and said outer shoe sole is provided with corresponding projections.

11. (original) Means according to claim 3, wherein said flange is formed integrally with said receptacle.

12. (original) Means according to claim 3, wherein said flange is moulded over said receptacle, in a separate operation.

13. (new) Means according to claim 3, wherein said flange is of a non-rotationally symmetrical shape.

14. (new) Apparatus for specifically orienting a stud in a receptacle secured in a shoe sole such that the stud has only one permissible rotational orientation relative to the sole, said apparatus comprising:

means securing said receptacle in said sole to rotationally receive and lock a stud in only one permitted rotational position relative to said receptacle;

orienting means for permitting said receptacle to be secured in said shoe sole in only one rotational orientation and thereby determining said only one permissible rotational orientation of the stud relative to the sole, said orienting means comprising:

located in said receptacle:

a boss having an opening at one end, for rotationally receiving a spigot of the stud; and

a plate secured to and extending laterally beyond said boss, said plate having a predetermined rotationally asymmetric periphery;

located in said sole:

engagement means for receiving said plate in only one possible rotational orientation to prevent rotational movement of the plate relative to the sole.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said engagement means comprises a recess defined in said sole, said recess having a peripheral boundary corresponding to said predetermined rotationally asymmetric periphery of said plate.

16. (new) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said predetermined rotationally asymmetric periphery includes a plurality of discrete intersecting sides.

17. (new) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein said engagement means comprises a plurality of upstanding members secured to said sole and spaced to define an area therebetween for receiving said plate such that the plate can be accommodated in only one position.